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NEW NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS ANNOUNCED

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education today announces and congratulates the 312 teachers throughout the state that have attained their national board certification.

Arkansas ranks sixth among the 50 states in the number of new National Board Certified Teachers this year. Overall, Arkansas ranks 15th in total number of such teachers. Arkansas now has 2,000 National Board Certified Teachers.

The state of Arkansas places a premium on excellence in teaching. Act 1803 of 2003 provides a \$5,000 annual bonus, for up to 10 years, to a teacher who becomes nationally certified. In addition, some teachers are eligible for state funding of the application fee for the certification process.

Among Arkansas's 239 school districts, Little Rock has the most nationally certified teachers with 188, followed by Rogers with 92, Springdale with 80, Bentonville with 75 and Fort Smith with 68.

For a complete list of the newly certified teachers, see <http://www.arkansased.org/about/releases.html>

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